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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant(s) hereby requests a four month extension of the period for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed May 4, 2001. The response date set in the Notice to File Missing Parts was July 4, 2001. A response is being filed herewith today, November 2, 2001, which is within the four month(s) after the response date. A check is enclosed in the amount of \$1,440.00, which is the appropriate fee for a response within the four month(s) after the response date.

Accordingly, applicant(s) requests that the period for response be extended by four month(s) so that the response filed herewith will be considered to be timely filed.

Please charge any deficiency in the enclosed fee for this Petition to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted.

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